

### CLAIMS

1. Thin strip or foil between 6  $\mu\text{m}$  and 200  $\mu\text{m}$  thick, and preferably between 6  $\mu\text{m}$  and 50  $\mu\text{m}$  thick, of an alloy with the following composition (% by weight):

Si :1.0 – 1.5; Fe :1.0 – 1.5; Cu < 0.2; Mn < 0.1; other elements < 0.05 each and < 0.15 total, remainder Al, with an ultimate tensile strength  $R_m$  in the annealed temper  
 5 > 110 MPa for thicknesses > 9  $\mu\text{m}$  and > 100 MPa for thicknesses between 6  $\mu\text{m}$  and 9  $\mu\text{m}$ .

2. Thin strip or foil according to claim 1, characterised in that it has an ultimate tensile strength  $R_m$  in the annealed temper > 115 MPa for thicknesses > 9  $\mu\text{m}$ .

3. Thin strip or foil according to one of claims 1 or 2, characterised in that it has  
 10 a yield stress  $R_{0.2}$  > 70 MPa.

4. Thin strip or foil according to one of claims 1 to 3, characterised in that its ultimate elongation A is a function of the thickness, as follows:

Thickness ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	A (%) greater than	and preferably than
6 – 9	3	4
9 – 15	5	7
15 – 25	10	15
25 – 50	18	25

50 – 200	20	25
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5. Thin strip or foil according to one of claims 1 to 4, characterised in that the alloy has a composition such that  $\text{Si/Fe} \geq 0.95$ .

6. Thin strip or foil according to one of claims 1 to 5, characterised in that the silicon content of the alloy is between 1.1% and 1.3% and its iron content is between 1.0% and 1.2%.

7. Manufacturing process for thin strips thinner than 200  $\mu\text{m}$  made of an Al-Fe-Si alloy with composition (% by weight):

Si : 1.0 – 1.5; Fe : 1.0 – 1.5; Cu < 0.2; Mn < 0.1; other elements < 0.05 each and < 0.15 total, remainder Al,

including the preparation of a first strip either by vertical semi-continuous casting of a plate and hot rolling, or by continuous casting possibly followed by hot rolling, cold rolling of this first strip down to the final thickness, possibly with intermediate annealing at a temperature between 250°C and 350°C, and preferably between 280°C and 340°C, and final annealing at a temperature between 200°C and 370°C.

8. Process according to claim 7, characterised in that the alloy has a composition such that  $\text{Si/Fe} \geq 0.95$ .

9. Process according to one of claims 7 or 8, characterised in that the first strip is subjected to an homogenisation at a temperature between 450 and 500°C before cold rolling.

10. Process according to one of claims 7 to 9, characterised in that the strip is prepared by continuous twin-roll casting.